

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena

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Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage	Crops	Character of Storm
<u>NEW MEXICO Southeast</u>									
NMZ029	Lea 11	0530MST 1200MST			0	0			Heavy Snow
<p>A strong upper level storm system interacted with copious amounts of Gulf and Pacific moisture to produce a heavy snow event across portions of Southeast New Mexico and West Texas. This storm system moved from west to east across the area with snowfall amounts up to 11 inches in southern Lea County. The closest official recording station at Midland International Airport, Texas set new records for the greatest daily snowfall, the greatest single event snowfall, and the greatest monthly amount with the total of 9.75". Numerous traffic accidents were reported on icy roads with a few injuries. The heavy snowfall also resulted in loss of power for some communities.</p>									
<u>TEXAS West</u>									
TXZ050>053	Andrews - Martin - Howard – Mitchell - Reeves County And Upper Trans Pecos - Loving - Winkler - Ector - Midland - Glasscock - Ward - Crane - Davis Mountains - Presidio Valley								
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074-079	11	0200CST 1800CST			0	0			Heavy Snow
<p>A strong upper level storm system interacted with copious amounts of Gulf and Pacific moisture to produce a heavy snow event across portions of Southeast New Mexico and West Texas. This storm system moved from west to east across the area with snowfall amounts up to 12 inches in western Reeves County. This turned out to be the snow storm of the century for the Midland/Odessa area as the 9.75 inches recorded at the Midland International Airport set new records for the greatest daily snowfall, the greatest single event snowfall, and the greatest monthly snowfall ever recorded. Colorado City recorded 7 inches of snowfall. Most of this snow fell in an intense 4-5 hour period. Numerous traffic accidents were reported on icy roads with a large number of injuries and one fatality. The heavy snowfall also resulted in loss of power for some communities.</p>									